

Commissioner House thanked everyone in District 5 for giving him the opportunity to serve as their Commissioner for the past 12 years.

Mayor Shaw read the following statement concerning an article about him in the Florida Times Union:

For the Record of the Jesup City Council Meeting of December 18, 2007.

In this free country that we live in any person can file a complaint with law enforcement.

It is then up to the courts to validate or negate that complaint.

Herb Shaw/s/
Herb Shaw, Mayor
Jesup, Georgia

Meeting Adjourned.

Rose Marcus Jackson
City Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber. Mayor Herb Shaw called the meeting to order. Roll call was as follows:

Mayor, Herb Shaw	Present
Commissioner, Gerald DeWitt	Present
Commissioner, Ray House	Present
Commissioner, James Johnson, Sr.	Absent
Commissioner, Geneva Nichols	Present
Commissioner, Ricky Reddish, Sr.	Present
Commissioner, Bobby Townsend	Present
City Attorney, Alvin Leaphart	Present
City Manager, Onda Woodard	Present
Police Chief, Butch Hutcheson	Present

The Lord's Prayer was led by City Attorney Leaphart.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Hutcheson.

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded by Commissioner Reddish to approve the minutes dated December 4, 2007.

Commissioner House abstained. All remaining Council present voted yes.

A Public Hearing was held on the request of McDonald's, USA, LLC, to rezone Map 29, Parcels 87 & 87A, and Map 35, Parcels 15 & 16 from P-R to C-3.

Ms. Gale Heckwine presented a petition with 32 signatures opposing the rezoning. Several residents present spoke for and against the rezoning.

Commissioner DeWitt made motion seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the 2nd reading of an Ordinance to rezone Map 29, Parcels 87 & 87A and Map 35, Parcels 15 & 16 from P-R to C-3.

Commissioners Townsend and House voted no. All remaining Council present voted yes.

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded by Commissioner DeWitt to eliminate the schedule of Impact Fees effective January 1, 2008.

All Council present voted yes.

Council made the following appointments to the Advisory Board:

Dwight Drury – Commissioner Nichols
Ron Sluder – Commissioner Townsend
Jennifer McBee – Mayor Shaw
James Boykin, Jr. – Commissioner House

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the 2008 Alcoholic Beverage License for Blue Room Restaurant and Lounge at 384 South Highway 301.

All Council present voted yes.

Commissioner DeWitt made motion seconded by Commissioner Townsend to accept the 2008 Cable Franchise Agreement with Georgia Municipal Association.

All Council present voted yes.

City Engineer Bill Shuman was present and gave an update on the status of Walmart Way, a proposed connector street from North Fourth Street to Walmart.

Commissioner Nichols requested City Manager Woodard to provide a list of all boards with vacancies so they may be discussed at the next meeting.

Council members told Commissioner House they have enjoyed working with him over the years and wished him the best in all his endeavors.